

Person-Centered Planning Changes for A&D Waiver Services and State Plan PCS

Idaho Medicaid will be promulgating rule changes in order to move our HCBS system into full compliance with new regulations published by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) in January 2014. These changes will include new sections of rule describing the required qualities of provider owned or controlled residential settings and non-residential settings where HCBS are delivered, in addition to changes to the person-centered planning process and the written service plan.

Changes to the Person-Centered Planning Process

The Bureau of Long Term Care (BLTC) will begin making some changes to the UAI and redetermination assessment beginning in the fall of 2016 and will implement new quality indicators into the quality assurance process. Providers will see changes to the documentation that the BLTC provides and will be required to include additional components in the participant's plan of service or Negotiated Service Agreement.

In addition, Residential Assisted Living Facilities and Certified Family Home providers will be required to participate in a new process for submitting plans for approval if any residential setting requirements under the HCBS regulations must be modified. Please visit <http://www.HCBS.dhw.idaho.gov> to learn more about the residential setting requirements.

Providers are expected to be compliant with the HCBS regulations changes by the summer of 2016.

Outreach and Education

The BLTC will develop outreach and educational materials for providers to learn and understand the new requirements as changes are implemented. There will also be additional information about the person-centered planning changes included in the regular trainings for A&D Waiver service providers.

Providing Feedback on these Changes

There are multiple opportunities for you to provide feedback:

1. You can visit the Home Care page at <http://healthandwelfare.idaho.gov/Medical/Medicaid/HomeCare/tabid/215/Default.aspx> where we will post updates and opportunities for feedback on the work around person-centered planning.
2. You can also visit the main HCBS page at <http://www.HCBS.dhw.idaho.gov> to learn more about the work Idaho Medicaid is undertaking to ensure compliance with all components of the new regulations.
3. The Department is currently engaged in the rulemaking process to propose changes to IDAPA that align with the HCBS requirements, including person-centered planning. We invite you to stay informed on the rulemaking process by reviewing the Administrative Bulletin (<http://adminrules.idaho.gov/bulletin/index.html>) which is published on the first Tuesday of each month. There will be upcoming opportunities to review draft rule language and attend public hearings.